mendation is in advance stage of consideeration. Simultaneously, steps are being taken to make the Administration more open and transparent even within the existing statutory/administrative frame work. Necessary instructions in this regard have accordingly been issued to all Ministries/Departments. The Ministeries/ Departments with a public interface in Delhi have also been asked to set up Information and Facilitation Counters.

Revision of Pay Scales of CSS and DANICS Section Officers

1777. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status regarding revision of (i) pay scales of the Section Officers belonging to the CSS and DANICS and

(ii) The Desk Officer Allowance for the Desk Officers in the CSS;

(b) since when these matters are under consiueration of Govenment and what are the reasons for delay in their finalisation;

(c) by when these issue will settled; and

(d) the date from which the revised Desk Officer Allowance would be paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GREIEVANCE AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR MR. JANARTHANAN): (a) The matter relating to grant of higher pay scales to DANICS and DANIPS officers and grant of Desk Officer Allowance to CSS officers is under 4he consideration of Government.

(b) the report of the Fifth Central Pay Commission was submitted to the Government on 30th January, 1997 and thereafter all recommendations of Fifth Central Pay Commission are being processed in due course. Keeping in view the complexities involved in this case, an immediate decision was not feasible.

(c) and (d) These issues are under consideration of the Government but an indication of the time likely to be taken in deciding them does not seem feasible.

Investigation of Cases by CBI

1778. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases investigated by CBI during last five years; and

(b) the number in cases in which prosecution was launched and the number of cases in which prosecution resulted in conviction of the accused person and the number of cases in which trial is still pending, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GREIVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) A Statement is enclosed below.